

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 13, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan
Utility Division

(350) In the matter of Qwest Communications/XO Communications Services IA filed amendment to their existing interconnection agreement- Docket No. D2004.1.2:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Qwest Corporation/XO Communications Services Collocation Amendment to their existing interconnection agreement in Docket No. D2004.1.2. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(351) In the matter of Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 05-15 Primary Rate Service (PRS) and Digital Switched Service (DSS) customer appreciation promotion- Docket No. N2005.8.125:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Qwest's promotion in Docket No. N2005.8.125. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(352) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana filed Advice Letter No. MT-05-04- Docket No. N2005.8.126:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Citizens' Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment in Advice Letter No. MT-05-04. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(353) In the matter of Joseph L Garcia dba Mining City Taxi, Butte, Montana request for permission to amend his fuel surcharge. He requests that the surcharge be increased to \$.75 per fare.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the request for increased fuel surcharge. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(354) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of September 6, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(355) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of OSP Rate Caps- Docket No. N2005.8.115:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the request for new rate caps for the period of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 in Docket No. N2005.8.115. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan
Legal Division

(356) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Application for Approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost- Docket No. D2005.5.88:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve NorthWestern Energy motion for Protective Order related to items 1 through 3 on the specific detailed information. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to defer the action on NorthWestern Energy motion for Protective Order on items 4 through 8 in Docket D2005.5.88 until such time as data requests related to those items are received. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to deny NorthWestern Energy's motion for special terms and conditions limiting marketing participant access as moot. Commissioner Mood seconded the

motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator
Legal Division

(357) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MCC (128) and PSC (129) fees- Docket No.'s D2005.9.128 and D2005.9.129:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the orders implementing the revised PSC and MCC tax as provided by the Department of Revenue. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved for the PSC to intervene in this docket. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of budget/ personnel:

Commissioner Raney moved that the Public Service Commission request that the Department of Administration move the three staff attorney positions to the broadband pay plan. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(359) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Telecommunications Service Standard Rules- Docket No. L-05.04.4-RUL:

Commissioner Raney moved to not issue a notice of adoption of these Telecommunications Service Standard Rules, thereby allowing the proposed rules to expire. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

Commissioner Raney moved to direct staff to schedule a work session as soon as it is practical to review the proposed rules with modifications included in column 3 of the September 12 staff comparison and other modifications staff and commissioners may believe appropriate for the purpose of noticing the proposed rules again. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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